

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)

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) Examiner: To be determined

Application Number: To be determined)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C., 20231

Sir,

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NUMBER 1

Prior to examination, please amend the application as provided below:

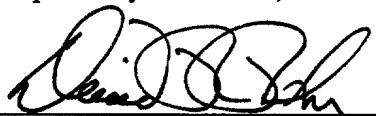
IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 26 through 37, 39 through 41, 43 through 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59 and 60. Accordingly, claims 1 through 25, 38, 42, 52, 55 and 58 are pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are ready for examination and in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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